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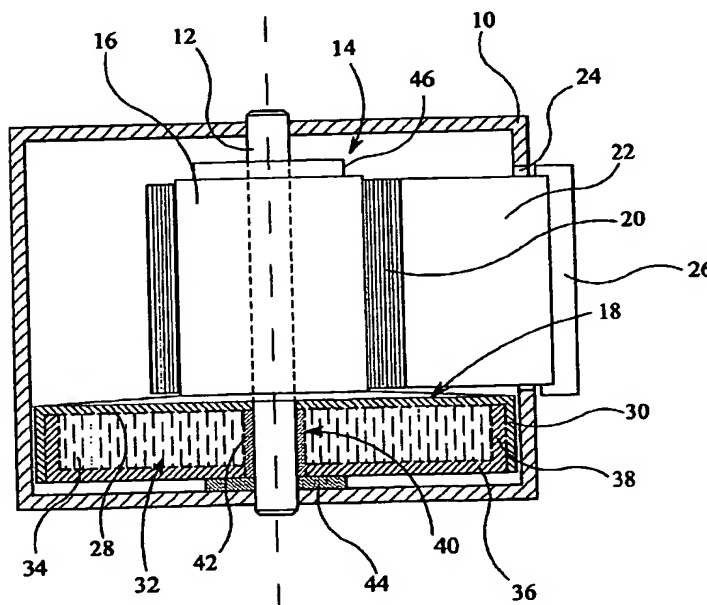
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(57) Abstract: A retractable barrier system comprises a support member, for example in the form of a housing (10), a spool (14) supported for rotation by the support member, a spring (34) adapted to apply a biasing load to the spool (14), and a skirt (30) arranged to deflect water away from or around the spring (34) thereby reducing the quantity of water impinging, in use, on the spring (34) and reducing corrosion thereof.